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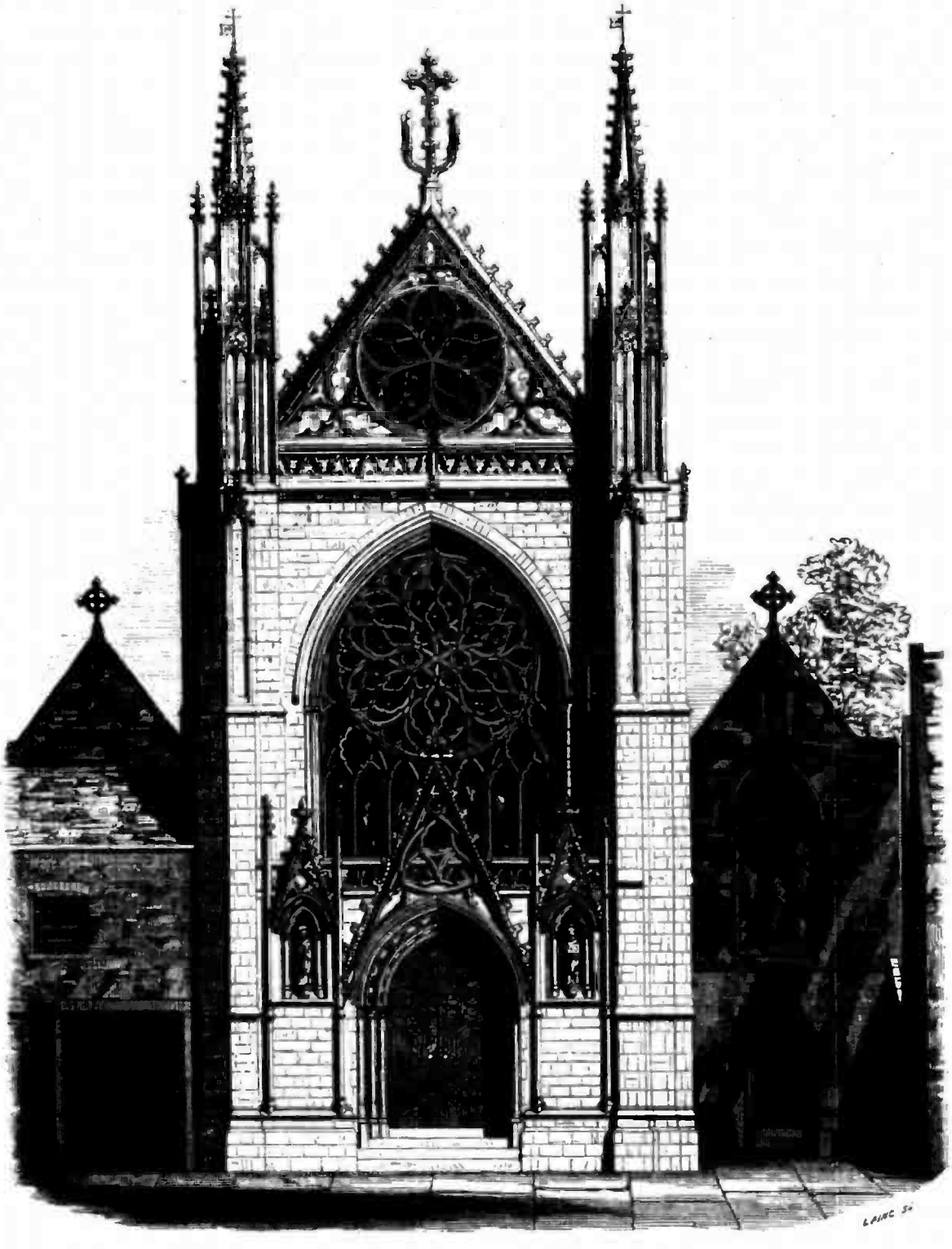

NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL, FARM-STREET, GROSVENOR-SQUARE.

THE new Roman Catholic Chapel, in Farm-street mews, which is now on the eve of completion, is a very successful specimen of modern Gothic. It will be seen from our view of the entrance front, that it is designed in the Decorated style of architecture; the materials used are Kentish rag for the walls, and Bath stone for the dressings. The tracery of the rose in the great west window (so to speak, though the building does not stand exactly east and west) is very elegant. The flanks show a low perforated parapet, with a range of windows in the clere-story, eleven in number on each side, to light the church; the tracery of which is different in all. A very large amount of decoration has been applied in the interior; but we shall reserve our notice of this and a further account of the building, till the opening of the church, which is fixed to take place in July next.

ORIGIN OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

IN a former number of THE BUILDER, and in a number of the *United Service Journal*, are remarks on the origin and formation of the Royal Geographical Society, shewing that, if it did not positively originate with myself, I was the cause and instrument of giving it birth and existence *at the time* referred to by those who have written about it. As the *Literary Gazette* of last week denies the accuracy of the remark in your paper, I will briefly relate the circumstances, and have no doubt that some of the parties named will be able to corroborate my statement. The late Mr. Francis Baily, the eminent astronomer and mathematician, was for many years my next-door neighbour, with a wall parting his and my garden between us. He frequently entertained parties of his scientific friends at dinners, which were distinguished for the elegant simplicity of the table, the eminence of the persons around it, and the very agreeable conversation which always prevailed. At one of these dinner-parties were the following: — Colonel Colby, Captain Smyth, Lieutenant Stratford, the Rev. R. Sheepshanks, Mr. Baily, and myself, with three or four other gentlemen. Amongst subjects discussed, was the desirableness of forming a *Geographical Institute*, or Society, when some parties stated that it had been talked about, but no one person came forward with anything

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